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with Insel and Tiara Air**



Alejandro Muyale, Minister Oduber and Albert Kluyver sign the agreement



Insel and Tiara new routes combined

Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber, was pleased to announce yesterday morning that Aruba's own Tiara Air and Insel Air, based out of Curacao, have agreed to work cooperatively in providing flights out of Aruba to several new destinations, and inversely, allowing these new markets direct access into the island.

Managing Director of Tiara Air, Alejandro Muyale and CEO of Insel Air, Albert Kluyver joined Minister Oduber at the dais to elaborate on the new routes and the news that both private airlines will also be endorsed as official island air carriers with the Aruba brand emblazoned on their planes traveling to and from Aruba.

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Minister Oduber signs MOU with Resilient Futures to establish organized Permaculture Program

Aruba's Department of Agriculture, Husbandry & Fisheries (L.V.V.) had partnered with the *Fundacion Aruba Consciente* and its founder, Urvin Leest, to organize a week of seminars and workshops teaching "permaculture" – a holistic system of integrating food production, recycling and renewable energy which provides environmental, social, and economic sustainability, largely by mimicking nature's patterns. The word itself is a merging of the terms, "permanent" and "agriculture." Most training sessions were conducted at the L.V.V. Center in Santa Rosa, with onsite training at Aruba's prison, KIA, the E.P.B., Aruba's primary vocational training school, and the University of Aruba in Oranjestad.

Lisa Knoblauch and Amber Vacci of Resilient Fu-



Signing of MOU

tures conducted the sessions from April 11 to 16, reporting they are quite gratified by the obvious enthusiasm of those attending, particularly the youth at KIA and E.P.B., who expressed serious interest in continuing the training. Nathalie Maduro of the L.V.V.

stated they were "overwhelmed" by public response, forcing organizers to move the lectures outside the classroom as they could not accommodate all those that came to attend the free program.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

US pledges federal aid after tornado disaster



ASKEWVILLE, North Carolina -- Brian Barnes sorts through the remains of his home while Melissa Jernigan carries a load of belongings away.

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AFP) -- President Barack Obama offered federal assistance on Monday to stricken southern US states after powerful tornadoes killed 44 people and reduced whole neighborhoods to rubble.

Distraught residents and business owners tried to piece their lives back together after a weekend of disaster, particularly for worst-hit North Carolina, where exactly half the victims died.

Thousands of North Carolina residents were still in shelters or staying with relatives as officials surveyed the utter devastation -- from obliterated buildings and upturned cars to flooded trailer parks and campsites.

Governor Beverly Perdue, who described the disaster as the worst to hit her state since 1984, said federal officials had agreed to expedite the authorization of federal money to help pay for the clean-up.

"It's not all about the money, but money helps," Perdue said.

AccuWeather.com said a total of 267 tornadoes had been reported in 15 states over the three-day period, making it one of the largest tornado outbreaks in US history.

Experts said there had been three main contributory factors: a powerful jet stream, abundant moisture surging in from the Gulf of Mexico and a strong cold front plowing across the South.

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Martelly offers fresh hope to quake-hit Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) -- Fresh from a resounding presidential election win last month, former popular singer Michel Martelly has vowed to quickly relaunch stalled efforts to rebuild the earthquake-ravaged nation.

The pace of reconstruction has been glacial since the January 2010 quake, but Martelly, known to many by his stage name "Sweet Micky," wants to make a fresh start when he takes over next month from outgoing President Rene Preval.

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To effectively rule the notoriously dysfunctional Caribbean nation, which is the poorest country in the Americas, he must first stitch together a government from a parliament in which his party only has a handful of seats.

The problems facing

Martelly are vast: from endemic poverty and corruption to reforming health and education departments that are largely dependent on foreign NGOs and dealing with a cholera epidemic that has claimed almost 5,000 lives since October.

Scramble to rescue refugees trapped in Libya's Misrata

MISRATA, Libya (AFP) -- A ferry rescued almost 1,000 people from Misrata yesterday and Britain said it plans to pick up 5,000 more, as UN officials said Moamer Kadhafi's government has guaranteed "safe passage" for foreign aid workers and to let a UN mis-

sion into the besieged port city.

The safe passage was part of an accord on humanitarian access to the capital and other Libyan cities secured in Tripoli on Sunday by UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos, said deputy UN spokesman Farhan

Haq.

The Kadhafi government also agreed to let a United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs mission into Misrata, said UN humanitarian spokeswoman Stephanie Bunker.

ProPublica wins Pulitzer with digital-only series

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- ProPublica, a non-profit news startup, scooped up a Pulitzer Prize yesterday, its second in two years and the first ever for a series of stories that were not also published in print.

Other winners of the 95th annual Pulitzer Prizes, the most prestigious US journalism awards, were The New York Times, which won two awards, and The Los Angeles

Times, which also won two.

The Washington Post, The Boston Globe and The Wall Street Journal won one each along with the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the Chicago Sun-Times, The Star-Ledger of New Jersey and the Denver Post.

Jesse Eisinger and Jake Bernstein of ProPublica were honored this year in the Na-

tional Reporting category for their series of stories on how dubious practices on Wall Street contributed to the economic crisis.

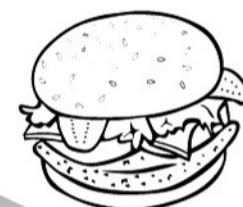
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Seven Questions All Women Should be Asking -- Part I

Over the years I have treated many women for many different mental and emotional issues. As a psychologist with a Christian world view I am interested in the whole person which includes the physical body, the mind and the spiritual aspect of the person. As three-part beings whatever affects our body will also have an affect on the mind and on our spirit. So, we cannot separate them altogether from each, they are, in fact closely intertwined.

What I have discovered is that many times, the thing that affects our mind can sometimes very easily be solved by certain actions of the body. So, in today's article I want to talk a bit about the body, your body. To make it simple, let me pose the seven questions that women in particular should be asking with respect to their health. I know, the men are asking ..."what about us?" I'll get to us men another time. These questions apply to women of all ages and from all walks of life. Actually these are the questions that all women should be asking their own physicians. Well, let me ask them and answer them here for you.

1. How much exercise does my body need?

The message is out, has been out for some time now. It has been scientifically proven that if you don't move regularly, that is exercise; you will be a prime target for many physical ailments such as poor blood circulation, obesity, cardiovascular diseases, etc.

The time has come for you to take it seriously – your body



needs exercise, you need to get moving! The nice thing about exercise is that you don't need a whole lot of it; a minimum of 30 minutes maybe 3 days of the week will do just fine. Regular exercise keeps your bones and joints strong; it boosts your mood and benefits your cardiovascular system. If you are depressed, one of the best therapies is a healthy walk.

Find a good friend for a walking companion and get moving. It will amaze you how quickly you will begin to feel well again...and feel fit too! Or, you may want to try something you really like if walking is not your 'cup of tea.' Find something you can do long term like dancing, or cycling, or tennis.

2. What are the most important things I can do to protect my health?

We've already established that you need to get moving – exercise for good health. Well, in addition to exercise you

need to eat a healthy balanced meal every day. Then, I suggest you get regular physical checkups at your doctor. You must do regular breast examinations, yourself first, and then at your doctor. By the way, the Women's Club of Aruba has recently announced free breast training checkup sessions. Get regular pap tests, bone density test, I also recommend a yearly colonoscopy, etc.

Besides eating a healthy diet, exercising, and getting regular health screenings, you must take time for yourself every day. Taking time for yourself could mean watching a good movie, or reading a good book, or doing a nice crochet piece. Your special "me" time reduces stress which will do wonders for your body and help it restore itself.

3. How much sleep do I need?

Sleep does a great deal more for your body than you can ever imagine!

Most sleep experts suggest seven to nine hours of sleep every night for adults, an hour or so more for teens. Sleep rejuvenates the body, and we're also learning that it plays an important role in reinforcing what we learned during the day. Every day we receive 'truck loads' of information. And, remarkably, sleep seems to help our brains organize and store all that data for future retrieval. You want to improve your memory, your recall skills, and your general mental focus...then get adequate sleep every night!

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PM denounces despicable act regarding the debauchery of the grave of Late Political Giant, Betico Croes

ORANJESTAD --During an urgently called press conference, the government of Aruba expressed their disdain for what took place at the grave site of late Betico Croes. Bandits destroyed the grave in what has been termed a despicable, immoral and horrible act. The Prime Minister conversed in the early hours of the morning and again in the afternoon, with the son of the late Betico Croes, Junior Croes and expressed his sentiments and support.

According to Eman, ..."Together we reflected on the work we must do together to ensure that the ideals, efforts and sacrifices made by our forefathers be safeguarded and not be destroyed by the present evil current that we don't deserve and that the history of our island does not deserve."

The Prime Minister, in addressing the press, indicated that only a few weeks ago in all serenity and in unison Aruba commemorated the birthday of the late Betico Croes.

"Standing at the foot of the statue of Betico Croes we recalled how as a family and as descendants of different great leaders, Betico labored and sacrificed and what he means to the history of our island."

The Prime Minister remarked that at the moment he received the news of the terrible incident, he and the rest of the island felt moved with sorrow for the history of our island and for the reality of the debauchery taking place in our community today. He said that we are also in pain for the suffering that this has brought to the family. The PM remarked..."we could never have imagined something of this nature on our island, to think that there are people on our soil without any moral sense or the sense of right and wrong and of what is totally un-

acceptable in a country. The Prime Minister called on the island to unite in denouncing this despicable act and in solidarity one with the other. "This is the moment that our unity is put to the test," according to Eman.

The PM assured all that the government of Aruba through our justice system will bring the full force of the law to bear on such acts. And, that the community can rest assured that tranquility will continue to reign. The question was raised as to whether the government will give ear to the request of the family to move the burial location of Betico Croes to his parents' home which they would like to convert into a mausoleum where his remains may be laid to rest in peace. The minister responded that they will render all the necessary cooperation.

Eman indicated that the government will support any effort to pay homage and special recognition to all our great statesmen who in one way or the other have contributed to the history of our island whom we believe deserve this kind of recognition. This, he said is irrespective of whatever political orientation from which the person hails.

If the Croes family or any foundation has ideas of how we can best honor the late Betico Croes, the government of Aruba, to which he gave his life, is prepared to work and think together to realize this.



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The planes are expected on Aruba over the next two months, when they must be certified by the Department of Civil Aviation (CAA) to begin their new routes. "We have always felt Aruba has an excellent facility and is a desirable location from which to provide service to our clients," stated Mr. Kluyver, "thank you for this opportunity to start working together with Aruba and Tiara Air." The long range flights will be aboard a MD 80 jet with Insel Air and Boeing 737 model 300 for Tiara, each of which accommodates around 152 to 154 passengers.

Tiara Air already flies from Aruba to Curacao, Bonaire, Punto Fijo and Maracaibo, Venezuela, and Riohacha, Colombia. They expect to add to their schedule Cúcuta and Armenia, Colombia, Caracas, Venezuela, and most importantly, daily flights to and from Boston, Massachusetts, and three times weekly from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They expect to have the Boeing 737 running the Florida flights beginning in August and the Boston flights by December. Tiara Air will augment airlift to and from Aruba by 80,000 one-way tickets monthly; 40,000 round trip, and Insel Air will augment airlift to and from Aruba by 50,000 round trip seats or 100,000 one way, monthly. This will be a total of 90,000 round trips to or from Aruba per month from more



than a dozen locations, some never having had direct access previously. During negotiations arbitrated by Josef Maduro, Director of the CAA, the two airlines agreed to work out a sharing of redundant routes, particularly those in the immediate region.

A principle behind the details of scheduling was also the optimal use of the Reina Beatriz Airport by assigning flight times, particularly for the international flights, which will take advantage of "off hours" when the airport is nearly empty. This will make flying a much more relaxed experience for travelers with Insel and Tiara Air who will avoid "peak times" when gates are at a premium and long lines at immigration combined with waiting times at the luggage carousel, detract from the Aruba vacation experience.

Minister Oduber expressed his satisfaction with this agreement as it will also provide many jobs for Arubans with opportunities for advanced technical training and experience.

Edward Heerenveen, Chief

General & International Affairs for Insel Air, and Henry van der Kwast, Chairman of the Insel Air Supervisory Board, were present for the signing of the agreement. "In these times, "cooperation" is a key word," commented Mr. Heerenveen. "You look around and you will see international alliances; big airlines are all going together, now. Here, among the islands and the nations of the region, it is the same; you cannot "go it alone" anymore. We have to work together to keep up with the growth that is necessary for Aruba; one airline cannot fly every route. Why not work together? It is profitable for both airlines, as another airline can bring us passengers to which we would not normally have access and we can reciprocate. It is a win/win situation for both the airlines and the passengers, providing them easier access to new destinations." He expressed the hope to expand their roster of destinations in the near future.

by Rosalie Klein

Higher Government Tax Revenue

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin for February 2011

ORANJESTAD -- The Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) confirms in its latest Monthly Bulletin a rise of Afl. 7.0 million (+10.6 percent) in the government tax revenue to a total of Afl. 72.8 million for the month of February 2011. The main factors were increases in the receipts from wage tax (+Afl. 6.0 million) and import duties (+Afl. 3.2 million). On the contrary, revenues from the income tax fell by Afl. 1.1 million. Furthermore, the recent transformation of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) into a sui generis institution caused a change in the recording of the hotel room tax, which is no longer included in the government revenue table, but now forms part of the balance sheet of the ATA.

The money supply grew by Afl. 12.8 million to Afl. 3,163.8 million during the month under review, resulting from an Afl. 16.0 million net inflow of foreign funds. This inflow stemmed from a current account surplus, in particular from higher tourism receipts. Despite the net inflow of foreign funds, Aruba's net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings) were still Afl. 182.0 million less (12.0 percent) than the amount

recorded in the corresponding month of 2010. On the other hand, net domestic assets shrunk by Afl. 3.2 million, mostly associated with clearing transactions.

Tourist arrivals increased by 1,195 (1.8 percent) in February 2011. This was in part due to a higher number of stay-over tourists arriving from Canada (1,343), Venezuela (+422) and The Netherlands (+204). In contrast, there was a contraction in the arrivals from the United States (1,505) and Brazil (-532). The number of cruise passengers grew by 13.6 percent to a total of 90,384 during February 2011, compared to the same month in 2010.

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One US dollar equals between 1.78 and 1.8 florins

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Urvin Leest, Lisa Knoblauch, Amber Vacci and Minister Oduber



Urvin Leest, Lisa Knoblauch, Amber Vacci and Minister Oduber

Permaculture brings together disciplines relating to food, shelter, energy, water, waste management, economics, and social sciences. It is a holistic approach, which recognizes that everything, especially humans and the environment, are interconnected and must be viewed as a complete system. There is a heavy emphasis on the utilization of locally available, affordable, and appropriate technologies; such technologies and methods must absolutely be environmentally friendly and sustainable.

The primary focus of the program was to provide L.V.V. staff with skills and knowledge towards integrating sustainability techniques into food production on Aruba and training others to do so. Santa Rosa has a tradition as a place to obtain information and supplies for growing food crops and fruit trees as well as assistance with raising and maintaining farm animals in a manner adapted to the island's singular environment.

"As a small island nation with the possibility that global

warming will seriously impede the future of Aruba itself, it is a crucial time for Aruba to take control of its own ability to attain social, economic, and environmental sustainability," commented Resilient Futures. "Aruba has become increasingly dependent on food imports and the majority of the food production is through "conventional" methods. Food security in Aruba is tenuous at best, as access to almost all products is dependent upon

other nations." Additionally, the Permaculture premise finds that "when more dependent on their environment, individuals and communities will treat it with more respect, as they recognize their survival depends on the health of both."

Sunday, April 17, Santa Rosa marked the finish of the Permaculture Conference 2011 during their traditional annual open house celebrating International Earth Day. Before thousands of islanders attending, Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, along with officials of the L.V.V., signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, with Amber and Lisa on behalf of Resilient Futures International, to continue the Permaculture training for islanders. He pledged that 1 million Aruban florins (\$557,000 U.S.) has been set aside for the program. RFI, in turn, declared Aruba a certified member of the Permaculture Institute and from this time on, it will be listed on the website of the international society.

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4. What are the most important nutrients that my body needs?

No doubt your lifestyle and circumstances will determine the kind of nutrients your body needs. However, in general there are four essential nutrients most women can benefit from: Vitamin B, Vitamin D, Calcium and Magnesium. Vitamin B helps support growth, development and the overall health of your heart. Besides strong bones, calcium is also good for overall health. Vitamin D and magnesium both play a role in the proper absorption of

calcium. For the women who live in Aruba, you don't need to be concerned about not getting enough Vitamin D. You get all the Vitamin D your body could ever need from just stepping outside and walking to your car and back. For you, Vitamin D can be called the Sunshine Vitamin. But, if you're not getting enough Vitamin B, Calcium and Magnesium naturally from your foods, get the right supplements. Consult your doctor for this, but make sure you get it.

Next edition I will give you the other three questions all

women should be asking and their answers. Look out for tomorrow's edition of this excellent morning daily.

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US dating site to screen for sex offenders

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Match.com has announced plans to begin screening applicants against the US national sex offender registry after a woman was allegedly assaulted by a man she met through the dating site.

Match.com, which claims millions of members for its dating sites in 25 countries, said it planned to begin checking existing and new subscribers against the US registry of persons convicted of sex crimes.

The move came after a female Hollywood entertainment executive revealed this month she had been sexually assaulted by a man she met through Match.com who had been convicted six times previously of sexual battery.

"This ordeal completely blindsided me because I had considered myself savvy about online dating safety," the woman, who has not been identified, said in a statement released through her lawyer.

Match.com US president

Mandy Ginsberg said the company had been considering using sex offender registry checks for several years but "their historical unreliability has always led us to conclude against it."

The company has since changed its mind and will begin instituting the checks within 60 to 90 days.

This photo provided by the Bokikhamxay Provincial Conservation Unit shows one of the world's rarest animals, the secretive and mysterious twin-horned saola, captured in August 2010 in Lao province of Bolikhamxay. The establishment of a nature reserve in Vietnam has brought new hope for the survival of a mysterious twin-horned creature "on the brink of extinction", conservation group WWF says.

The saola is hunted illegally for its horns using snares and dogs and the population could be as low as a few dozen, according to the

One in five European kids dodge Facebook age limit: survey

BRUSSELS (AFP) — Three-quarters of Europe's children have a profile on a social networking website, while one in five under 13 manage to dodge Facebook's age restriction, a survey showed Monday.

Some 77 percent of children 13 to 16 years old, and another 38 percent aged between nine and 12, are plugged into a wide range of social networking websites

across Europe, said the survey released by the European Commission.

One quarter of them have set their accounts to "public" view, meaning that everyone can see their profiles, making them targets for child predators, the European Union's executive arm cautioned.

Neelie Kroes, the commissioner in charge of Internet issues, called on social networking firms to make the

profiles of children only accessible to their approved contacts by default and make them invisible to search engines.

"Growing numbers of children are on social networking sites but many are not taking all necessary steps to protect themselves online," she said.

"These children are placing themselves in harm's way, vulnerable to stalkers and groomers."

Vietnam reserve brings hope for rare animal



WWF, which said none had survived in captivity.

The elusive creature was

seen for the first time in a decade in August but died a few days after it was captured

by villagers in Laos, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The animal was photographed before its death, the first confirmed record since 1999 when pictures of wild saola were taken by automatic cameras in Laos, the Swiss-based network of scientists and environmental organisations said.

WWF Vietnam said the new reserve, in the Annamite mountains along the border with Laos, would create an ideal habitat for the saola and the conservation group hopes for a reverse in the species' decline.

Health & Living

Snoring



Definition

Snoring is the hoarse or harsh sound that occurs when your breathing is obstructed in some way while you're sleeping. Sometimes snoring may indicate a serious health condition. In addition, snoring can be a nuisance to your partner.

As many as half of adults snore at least occasionally. Snoring occurs when air flows past relaxed tissues in your throat, causing the tissues to vibrate as you breathe, which creates those irritating sounds.

Lifestyle changes, such as losing weight, avoiding alcohol close to bedtime or sleeping on your side, can help stop snoring.

In addition, medical devices and surgery are available that may reduce disruptive snoring. However, these aren't suitable or necessary for everyone who snores.

Symptoms



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and yard clean

Depending on the cause of your snoring, in addition to the noise caused by snoring, you may also experience:

- *Excessive daytime sleepiness
- *Difficulty concentrating
- *Sore throat
- *Restless sleep
- *Gaspings or choking at night
- *High blood pressure
- *Irregular heartbeats

When to see a doctor

See your doctor if:

- *Your snoring is so loud it's disrupting your partner's sleep
- *You wake up choking or gasping

These may indicate your snoring is caused by a more serious condition, such as obstructive sleep apnea.

If your child snores, ask your pediatrician about it. Children can have obstructive sleep apnea too. But, nose and throat problems — such as enlarged tonsils — and obesity often underlie habitual snoring in children. Treating these conditions could help your child sleep better.

Causes

There are a variety of factors that can lead to snoring, such as the anatomy of your mouth and sinuses, alcohol consumption, allergies, a cold, and your weight.

The following conditions can affect the airway and cause snoring:

- *Your mouth anatomy. Having a low, thick soft palate or enlarged tonsils or tissues in the back of your throat (adenoids) can narrow your airway.
- *Being overweight. Extra weight can build up in your

throat and contribute to narrowing of your airway.

- *Alcohol consumption.
- *Nasal problems. Chronic nasal congestion or a crooked partition between your nostrils (deviated nasal septum) may contribute to your snoring.
- *Sleep apnea. Snoring may also be associated with obstructive sleep apnea. In this serious condition, your throat tissues obstruct your airway, preventing you from breathing.

Risk factors

Risk factors that may contribute to snoring include:

- *Being a man. Men are more likely to snore or have sleep apnea than are women.
- *Being overweight. People who are overweight or obese are more likely to snore or have obstructive sleep apnea.
- *Having a narrow airway. Some people have large tonsils or adenoids, while others may have a long soft palate, which can narrow the airway and cause snoring.
- *Drinking alcohol. Alcohol relaxes your throat muscles, increasing the risk of snoring.
- *Having nasal problems. If you have a structural defect in your airway, such as a deviated septum, or your nose is chronically stuffed, your risk of snoring is greater.



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Complications

Habitual snoring may be more than just a nuisance. Depending on the cause of your snoring, it may result in:

- *Daytime sleepiness
- *Relationship problems
- *Difficulty concentrating
- *A greater risk of high blood pressure, heart failure and stroke
- *An increased risk of behavior problems, such as attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), in children with obstructive sleep apnea
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Fears over mental impact of Japan disaster

ONAGAWA, Japan (AFP) — The forbearance shown by survivors of Japan's quake-tsunami has been lauded in the West, but psychologists worry not talking about the hurt could be doing long-term damage.

Commentators have heaped praise on the emotional resilience of people who have lost everything, but, say some, the surface calm masks deep undercurrents of emotion.

"To be honest I really feel like breaking down and crying -- because I'm sad," said evacuee Kenichi Endo, 45, briefly screwing his eyes shut.

"I've lost my father, my pet, my car, my savings. I've lost everything. But, everyone here is the same. If I cry, everyone else will, so I can't," he told AFP in a shelter in Onagawa town, clenching his

fists into tight balls.

Unbearable tragedy was heaped on Japan on March 11 when a 9.0 magnitude quake unleashed a gigantic wave on the country's northeast.

More than five weeks on and tens of thousands of evacuees are still living in school gyms and other public buildings, sharing their sleeping space with dozens -- sometimes hundreds -- of other people. Under these conditions, emotion remains tightly regulated.

Instead, grief appears at unexpected times -- while sleeping, listening to music or even while eating.

In Japan depression continues to carry a stigma it has long shed in much of the West. This is especially marked in rural areas such as the disaster-struck northeast, where community and family ties are strong.

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New Regulations for Admitting Foreign Workers

ORANJESTAD -- As of Monday, April 18 new regulations will be in effect for the admission of foreign workers to Aruba. The Department of Labor (DAO) will evaluate the admission of every foreigner in light of the local market situation. An employer desirous of employing a foreign worker must submit a declaration requesting the admission of such an employee.

Said petition must be submitted on a specific official form, which must be submitted to the Department of Labor.

The Department of Labor will process only officially signed forms completely filled out. Along with the signed form, the following documentation is required:

In the case of a first time request, a formal work agreement must be submitted. If the request is for the extension of a work permit, the employer must show a copy of the job contract. The employer must also show the original public newspaper announcement advertising the job vacancy affixed with the blue DAO stamp. One needs to also show evidence of the expertise of the person to be employed. For first time requests three copies of the entire passport is required. For prolongations or changes one copy of the first page of the passport should be submitted along with a copy of the last work permit and a copy of the residence permit. For prolongation requests the employer also needs to submit the last two pay slips, copy of the ID and an extract of the Census Office of the employee for whom the prolongation is being requested.

For this kind of request the employer needs to also have proof of approval from the Manpower Planning Office for the corresponding year.

The Department of Labor requires the owner of a busi-

ness to submit a signed and stamped copy of the business registration from the Chamber of Commerce; said Chamber business registration may not be older than six months. The business owner will also submit his ID. If the request is for a domestic non-live-in employee, the employee must submit the last two pay slips of his employer. If the request is for a change of employer, a letter of recommendation from the former employer will be required.

In the event the petition is being submitted by a proxy, a letter of authorization and copy of the ID of the proxy is required.

Submission by a Proxy

In the event the petition is presented by a proxy, the following rules will apply: formal letter of authorization detailing the exact authorization of the proxy. For every petition a specific letter of authorization will be required. A business concern can only utilize one proxy.

Concerning work Expertise

The employer will be required to submit proof of the expertise of the employee he is applying for. This entails the submission of all diplomas, certificates or other credentials affixed with legal authentication from the country of origin. Prospective employees with university training can have their credentials authenticated within three months and then submit same. Certificates should be notarized in the country of origin. The following positions do not require a show of specific expertise: petitions for cleaning jobs, dishwasher, construction helpers, laborers, security jobs, maintenance jobs, gardeners, kitchen helpers, stewards, housemen, room attendants, shelf packers, packers, drivers, car washers, garbage collectors, pool atten-



dants, tire repair men, store room helpers, horticulturists, and store attendants. In the event a public announcement was placed indicating the requirement of an expertise for the announced position, that requirement would be valid for a local as well as for a foreign applicant.

Within four weeks after the submission of the petition, the Department of Labor will respond with a no-objection declaration. Upon submission of the petition the employer will receive a written indication as to when the declaration will be ready for pick up. In the event it is impossible to respond to the petition within four weeks, this time span can be extended for two more weeks. The admissions counselor will inform the petitioner and the head of the department accordingly.

Admission Advice

The no-objection declaration will indicate the name and location of the establishment of the employer, personal data of the foreign employee and a

description of the type of work the person is coming to do and where he will be employed.

The admission advice will be positive if there is no objection for the foreign employee to work in our local labor market. A negative advice means that there is an objection for the foreign employee to work in Aruba. Said negative advice will be explained. Each declaration would be valid for six months.

Revised Admission Advice

It is possible to submit within a period of six weeks after receiving the admission advice a request to revise the advice. This request for revision must be submitted to the head of Admissions. Within 10 working days a decision with respect to this request will be made. The revision will be handled by a counselor other than the one who issued the first advice. It will not be possible to submit an objection to this declaration in keeping with the labor law.

In the event there were missing items or errors on the

documentation submitted, the petitioner will have five working days to make corrections and comply with all documentation requirements.

Evaluation of the Petition

A no-objection declaration will not be issued if at the Job Center there are qualified employees available for the job, or if qualified employees will become available within three months. If the employer can not prove that he did his utmost to employ a local person he will not receive a no-objection declaration. In the event that the Job Center sends a local qualified employee to the employer and he refuses to employ him without sufficient valid and plausible argumentation, he will not receive a no-objection declaration.

A no-objection declaration will be withheld in the event:

- * the employer cannot submit sufficient proof of the expertise of the foreign individual (diploma's, certificates, etc.) or if he cannot prove that the person has sufficient experience of the job in question,

- * if the employer submits incorrect information intentionally, if the department cannot be certain that the documentation is authentic, if the employer fails to submit all the required documentation. The business concern requesting a foreign employee must be in the possession of a business license, likewise the director of the business must also have his business operator's license (bestuurdersvergunning).

The foreign employee must not have been doing the job already, especially in the event of a first request or of the change of managers.

If it is discovered that the business no longer exists or is not active, a no-objection declaration will not be issued.

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Dutch court rejects anti-Islam MP's bid against judges

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- A Dutch court on Monday rejected anti-Islam MP Geert Wilders' bid for the withdrawal of a panel of judges chosen to try him for hate speech.

"The request for recusal is denied," A.J. van der Meer, the presiding judge of an independent panel set up to hear Wilders' application, said. "We order the resumption of the trial."

This had been Wilders' second application for the withdrawal of judges on the grounds of bias.

He had won the first round shortly after his trial started in October last year, when his judges were ordered to step down by a panel of their peers who upheld the politician's bias claims.

In March, the new judges ruled that the trial must go ahead, dismissing Wilders'



claims that they had no jurisdiction in the case.

Wilders' lawyer Bram Moszkowicz told the court last Friday he believed the judges to be partial as they had refused to order a probe of a witness accused of lying to the court.

But van der Meer said there was no proof of impartiality, adding "irritation is not enough of a reason for a recusal."

Wilders, 47, faces five

counts of giving offence to Muslims and of inciting hatred against Muslims and people of non-Western immigrant origin, particularly Moroccans.

The allegations arise partly from the short film "Fitna", which catapulted Wilders to international notoriety in 2008 and in which he mixes Koranic verses with footage of extremist attacks.

The MP, whose Party for Freedom came third in elections last year and gives parliamentary support to a right-leaning coalition, faces up to a year in jail or a 7,600 euro (10,300 dollar) fine for comments made in his campaign to "stop the Islamisation of the Netherlands."

Prosecutors initially dismissed dozens of complaints against Wilders in June 2008 but were compelled by appeals judges to mount a case against him.

Western Union pays more than AWG 5,500 in cash prizes

With its new campaign 'Wow for Mom'

ORANJESTAD -- In honor of every mother, Western Union launched the campaign 'Wow for Mom' where everyone has the opportunity to win cash prizes.

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Besides the radio competition, Western Union also has a prize of AWG 5,000. To win this those who are interested

have to record a song or video and upload it before May 24, 2011 on the special competition website: www.expressitsendit.com.

The song or video must also be an original a capella composition with the same "Express your love for your mother" theme. Each song must be sung solo or in a group of not more than 3 people, and may not be longer than 3 minutes. The winner of this competition will be chosen by the majority of votes on the same website.

Every winner, who must be a legal resident of Aruba and older than 18 years, must present a valid ID at the Magic FM radio station in order to receive a gift certificate, and also at the main office of Post Aruba, the official agent of Western Union, situated at J.E. Irausquinplein #9, Oranjestad, before May 31, 2011.

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Budget figures for 2011 are realistic

ORANJESTAD -- The Mike Eman Administration submitted the 2011 Island Budget to Parliament for ratification. In response to the advice received from the General Island Council (Raad van Advies) concerning the 2011 Budget Ordinance, the government once again indicated that the figures are realistic.

The government made clear that the calculations in the budget represent an approximation of what may be expected during 2011. Minister of Finance, Mike de Meza remarked that: ..."After the correction of the figures of 2010 of the Modification Note (Nota's van Wijziging) that they are convinced that the figures are as close as possible to the reality and so doing is based on the projections for 2011. In the event that changes must be made in 2011, this can be done very naturally, but that the budget is a very realistic budget."

With respect to the expected growth of 10%, de Meza said that this has been confirmed after the last review of the budget. The figures of the first three months, despite a slightly lower income in the month of January, show an increase of 10% compared to that of 2010. This, according to



the minister, is proof that our figures are correct and do correlate with the figures of the Central Bank. This is in keeping with the financial framework of 2010, including the "reparatietoeslag" of 28 million and the investment discount (15 million) designed to stimulate the economy.

Structural changes were made in an effort to salvage the civil servants' pension fund and the public social sickness insurance program (SVB).

Furthermore, the government's projection for a positive yield was also accurate, according to de Meza.

The government is of the opinion that the 2011 budget, as submitted is a realistic budget and appeals to Parliament to render their approval.

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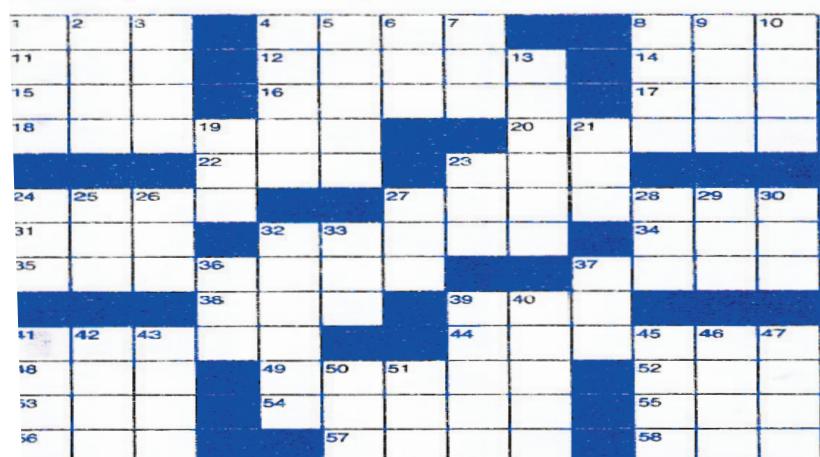
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16. White cliffs of
17. Ballantine product
18. ___ Bell
20. Noblemen
22. Snaky letter



23. Very plump
24. Zesty flavor
27. Minutes
31. Atmosphere
32. Moves slightly
34. Natalie Cole's father
35. Bed covering
37. Golf gadgets
38. Absent
39. Place to get a license (abbr.)
41. Placed under oath
44. Frittered away
48. Furniture wood
49. Singer Carpenter
52. Poem of praise
53. Spanish lady

DOWN

1. Med. school course
2. Bangkok native
3. Actor Alda
4. Chilean peaks
5. Sedan's tour
6. Channel that shows musical videos (abbr.)
7. Call on
8. Fray
9. "War is ___"
10. Corrida cheers
13. Fantasies
19. Beer holder
21. Had a bite
23. Pro
24. File label
25. Feel sick
26. Gun lobby (abbr.)
27. Major engineering school (abbr.)
28. Opposite of SSW
29. Edison's monogram
30. Main and Wall (abbr.)
32. Polecats
33. Hanoi holiday
36. Also not
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39. Live
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250,000 passengers hit by Buenos Aires bus strike

BUENOS AIRES, (AFP) - An open-ended strike by workers of an emblematic Buenos Aires bus line affected a quarter of a million passengers on Monday, union officials said. The 1,340 employees of the number 60 bus line in the Argentine capital sought to improve working conditions which had deteriorated since the takeover of the line by the Doto group last year, said union official Angel Peticaro.

Employees had been deducted holidays even when they showed up at work, Peticaro said. "Given the refusal of management to talk, the strike was the only solution." The number 60, which crosses the South American megacity from south to north, has inspired many artists and even a TV series since it began in 1931.

US stocks plunge after US debt warning

NEW YORK, (AFP) - US stocks plunged Monday after ratings agency Standard & Poor's issued its first warning on US debt, citing Washington's inability to tackle looming fiscal deficits. In closing trades the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 140 points (1.14 percent) to 12,201.52, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite skidded 1.06 percent to 2,735.38. The broad-market S&P 500 stock index shed 14.56 points (1.10 percent) at 1,305.12.

Shortly before the market open, Standard & Poor's revised its outlook on US sovereign debt to "negative" from "stable" -- the first ever challenge to Washington's top-line AAA grading. Voicing strong doubts over the ability of battling Republicans and Democrats to agree a credible plan on cutting the fiscal deficit, S&P gave the country until 2013 to act or face losing its coveted rating.

Post-Gulf spill safety committee launched in US

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - Interior Secretary Ken Salazar called on a new offshore safety committee Monday to spur cooperation between the government and oil industry to avoid a repeat of last year's Gulf of Mexico oil disaster.

The 15-member OESC was set up in the wake of the disaster that was set in motion on April 20 last year, when a rig leased by BP exploded off the coast of Louisiana.

Eleven men died and several others were injured as the blast was followed by a fire that ripped through the platform, which two days later sank 5,000 feet (1,500 meters) to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, causing BP's deepwater Macondo well to rupture and start spewing oil into the sea.

BP struggled to cap the well, which over the course of around three months spewed some 4.9 million barrels of crude into the Gulf of Mexico, sullying beaches as tourist season got underway, killing wildlife and closing large tracts of the Gulf to fishermen, depriving them of their livelihood.

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Oil prices slump after S&P warns on US debt

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Oil prices slumped yesterday after ratings agency Standard & Poor's cut its US outlook to "negative" and as key industry bodies expressed concern about the impact of high energy costs on demand.

S&P's move added pressure on Washington to slice its budgets and/or raise taxes, both of which would dim the picture for economic growth and oil consumption. It came after OPEC secretary general Abdullah El-Badri said the petroleum cartel was "concerned" by high crude prices.

In New York trade, the price of the Nymex benchmark WTI light sweet crude for May delivery fell \$2.54 a barrel to \$107.12 dollars from its close Friday.

In London, the main Brent North Sea crude contract for May lost \$1.84 dollar to \$121.61 dollars a barrel.

Pushing prices lower was S&P's unprecedented cut in its US rating outlook; more turmoil in the eurozone economies; China's newest efforts to put a chill on its overheating economy; and OPEC's forecast that Japan's quake-shocked economy will contract slightly this year.

Also bearish were the worries over high prices expressed at a Kuwait meeting between the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and Asian energy ministers in Kuwait.

Badri said OPEC saw a \$15-20 premium risk in oil at current prices, and called for introducing "some regulations"

to curb speculation.

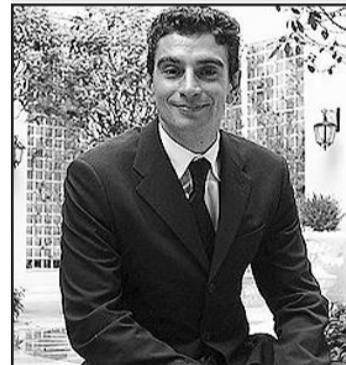
The head of the International Energy Agency, Nobuo Tanaka, said oil prices were "very high" and that his group was alarmed that this could undermine economic growth and demand.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi, representing the world's largest oil supplier, said they were focused on "price and market stability."

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Sabah said that the volatility of prices "poses a significant dilemma."

S&P "has caused consternation in almost every asset class from currencies to commodities to indices," said Ian O'Sullivan, analyst at trading group Spread Co.

Italian chocolate boss Pietro Ferrero dies in bike accident



MILAN, Italy (AFP) - Italian chocolate tycoon Pietro Ferrero, joint chief executive of the group that owns Nutella and Ferrero Rocher, has died in a biking accident in South Africa, a company spokesman said Monday.

Ferrero, who was 47, fell from his bicycle during a regular riding session, probably because he was taken ill, while on a business trip in South Africa, the spokesman told AFP, voicing the group's "deep dismay."

Ferrero had co-run the sweets company with his younger brother Giovanni since 1997.

Their 85-year-old father Michele, who turned the firm into a global leader of the confectionery industry after taking over in 1957, is still the chairman.

Michele Ferrero, 85, is Italy's richest man according to the latest ranking by Forbes magazine, ahead of eyewear tycoon Leonardo Del Vecchio and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, a billionaire television mogul turned politician.

"Italy has lost a businessman who represented the best qualities of our economic history," Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said in a statement.

Frattini said Pietro Ferrero "brought an exceptionally important contribution to the Made in Italy brand around the world."

For her part, the president of the Italian employers federation Confindustria, Emma Marcegaglia, expressed her "deep sadness over the tragic and sudden death," describing Ferrero as "an entrepreneur of quality and one of the greatest representatives of Italian capitalism."

The Ferrero story began in the 1940s in Italy's northern Piedmont region.

A local pastry chef also called Pietro Ferrero began the business with a secret recipe that used nuts to cut down on the more expensive cocoa in a spread that was to be called Nutella and quickly became

wildly popular.

The company also owns the Ferrero Rocher, Kinder and Tic-Tac brands.

It had a turnover of 6.6 billion euros (\$9.4 billion) in its 2009-2010 financial year -- 4.3 percent higher than the previous year.

It has 18 plants around the world and employs more than 21,000 people.

The publicity-shy firm is entirely family-owned and has stayed away from big corporate takeovers or public listings. Last year, it did however signal interest in bidding for Britain's Cadbury, which was eventually taken over by Kraft Foods.

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If the position for which the foreign employee will be employed intentionally contains a description that would preclude all local employees, again a non-objection declaration will not be issued.

As stated earlier, the Department of Labor (DAO) will evaluate every permit request for employment. However, there is a group of persons who must submit their permits for residence on Aruba to DIMAS.

Those who must submit their petitions at DIMAS are:

* Foreigners with five consecutive work permits and are employed for the same employer and in the same position during the five permit period,

* Foreigners with five consecutive work permits who have decided to remain on Aruba without a residence permit or who worked without a permit, as long as the request is for a prolongation of employment for the same employer.

* Foreigners who have lived in Aruba legally for employment for at least 10 years

* Those married to persons who fall under articles 1 or 3 of the LTUV

* Foreigners who were married for at least five years and whose marriage ended in

divorce or through the death of a spouse,

* Those who were married to an Aruban national for less than five years and whose marriage terminated in divorce or through the death of a spouse and who has one or more children from the marriage

* A foreigner who has a young child born from a union with an Aruban national whose child has the Dutch nationality,

* Persons employed at the Hospital who fall under the LUG law,

* Wife or husband of a Dutch citizen from Holland who came to work in Aruba either for the government or for a government subsidized institution

* Foreigners who came to Aruba in the context of family reunion (gezinsherening) who have lived here for at least five years with at least one parent or member of the family with a residence permit or the Dutch nationality

* Missionaries or church leaders, athletic coaches, athletes, foreigners from the Dominican Republic working for the Adopt an Addict Foundation, those in search of political



asylum, live-in domestic workers, interns, directors of established local companies who have an operator's permit issued by the Department of Economic Affairs, artists, or those coming to Aruba for a one-time cultural presentation.

All of the above persons must submit their requests or petitions to the DIMAS Offices for the residence permit (verblijfsvergunning).

Citizens of the Dutch Kingdom

Petitions from Dutch Kingdom nationals who were born outside of Aruba who desire to work on Aruba will be evaluated by the Department of Labor in the context of the local labor situation on Aruba.

In the event of the change of jobs or job function or of prolongation of a working agreement for a specified time period, said petition will again be evaluated in keeping with the needs and situation of the local labor market.

A declaration of no-objection will be issued for petitions for foreign persons on managerial levels with the condition that there is an Aruba national counterpart in place to fill the position at the termination of the foreign manager's permit.

The declaration of no-objection will be valid for 12 months, during which time the foreign manager must afford the national counterpart every opportunity to learn all facets of the job so that after 12 months he can take over the job of the foreign manager. Before the end of the allotted time, the foreign manager will evaluate the work of the national counterpart to ascertain if he is capable to take over and continue the job.

In the event the national counterpart is not ready to take over the position a prolongation of the permit may be granted for an additional 12 months. During this period he will continue to instruct the

counterpart or train a new national counterpart. There will be no extension after the 2 times 12 months prolongations. The work agreement with the local employer must include the condition of a national counterpart in the foreigner's work agreement. The work permit issued will also include the condition of a counterpart.

Change of employer or job function

Change of employer or of job position/function will not be allowed during the first three years of the work permit. After three permits, the foreign employee may choose to change employer or job function.

Live-in domestic workers may change employers only after five years. Change may be possible after three years only in the event of a job conflict where the employer is at fault.

The employee will have to submit a formal complaint to the Bureau of Labor Conflicts (Bureau Arbeidsgesellen).

The preceding information outlined above is available on the government's website: www.gobierno.aw and www.overheid.aw on their virtual pages.

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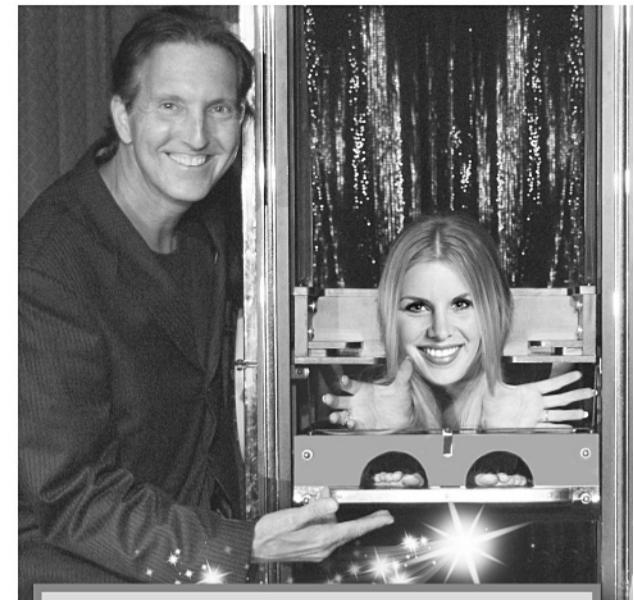
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Vienna ballet mixes it up with dark 'Le Concours'



Dancers of the Austrian ballet perform during the traditional Opera Ball at the state opera in Vienna on March 3.

VIENNA, Austria (AFP) — Film noir meets musical comedy -- Maurice Bejart's "Le Concours" represented another change in genre for the Vienna State Ballet as it premiered.

A murder mystery set at an international dance competition, the performance -- the latest premiere in Manuel Legris's first season as ballet director -- showed a new side of the company, after it already

presented contemporary medleys and full-length modern and classical ballets this year.

This time, dance combined with theatrics, monologues and cabaret acts to produce a result that was not so much a ballet as a cross between "A Chorus Line" and Inspector Columbo.

Constantly switching between classic and twisted, the choreography -- which Bejart associate Bertrand d'At personally taught the company -- benefited from a wacky soundtrack that included everything from Tchaikovsky and Berlioz to recorded steps, gasps and street noise.

Dancers also grabbed the microphone regularly -- speaking in a variety of tongues and accents -- to provide their own tunes, philosophise about the art of dancing or just lead the audience through the evening, from the frenzy of the dance competition through the murdered ballerina's life as an inspector digs into her past to find the culprit.

A Cluedo-like whodunnit, this was a ballet rife with colourful characters, from the

punk rocker with the mohawk hairstyle and leopard-print velvet leotard to the stereotyped Japanese and Soviet jurors.

Semi-soloist Eno Peci stood out as the irritable TV choreographer, as much by his expressive dancing as his heated tirades, while the luminous Olga Esina, as per usual, stole every scene.

Vienna Ballet veteran Gregor Hatala was also convincing as the no-nonsense inspector, perpetually surrounded by a cloud of cigarette smoke.

Other honourable mentions go to corps de ballet members Davide Dato, who received the loudest cheers of the evening with his seemingly never-ending fouettes, Gala Jovanovic as the overly cheerful US judge and Taina Ferreira Luiz as a lively young dancer.

Grotesque, chaotic, dark and yet colourful, this may have been a ridiculous ballet competition, but it was certainly an enjoyable, if quirky, evening for Vienna's Volskoper audience, which welcomed it with wide acclaim.

US man proposes in crossword puzzle: answer 'Yes!'



WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Washington Post newspaper's crossword puzzle had special meaning this weekend for one local couple.

With the complicity of the daily broadsheet, Corey Newman, 28, of Alexandria, Virginia, proposed to his live-in girlfriend, Marlowe Epstein, 31, through clues buried in a specially-crafted puzzle.

The clue for 37 Across, for example, asked for the name of a role in the movie "Shakespeare in Love."

The answer -- Marlowe. 39 Across asked for the

name of a "Casablanca" screenwriter.

The answer -- Epstein.

The clincher was 51 Across: "Words with a certain ring to them."

As soon as Epstein came up with the answer -- "Will you marry me" -- Newman got down on one knee, whipped out a diamond ring and repeated the question, the Post reported.

"Yes, of course!" Epstein said.

"I was sort of blown away," she told the newspaper. "I was so impressed that he managed to pull that off!"

McCullum stars in Kochi IPL victory



Kochi Tuskers Kerala batsman Brendon McCullum plays a shot

KOCHI, India (AFP) – Brendon McCullum smashed a rapidfire 47 to power Kochi Tuskers Kerala to a seven-wicket victory over Chennai Super Kings in an Indian Premier League match on Monday.

The New Zealander hit three sixes and four boundaries in his 33-ball knock as Kochi achieved a rain-revised target of 135 with two overs to spare in a match reduced to 17-overs-a-side.

It was Kochi's second win and Chennai's second defeat in four matches.

McCullum, who hit two sixes off South African paceman Albie Morkel early in his innings, added 51 off just six overs for the second wicket with Parthiv Patel, who scored a 26-ball 34.

The New Zealander eventually fell attempting a big shot as he was caught at long-off by Morkel off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who also dismissed skipper Mahela Jayawardene (16) to fin-

ish with 2-31.

Australian Brad Hodge (19 not out) and Ravindra Jadeja (16 not out) completed the victory with a 25-run stand for the unfinished fourth wicket off just two overs.

Chennai's Suresh Raina earlier cracked a brisk 40-ball

50 with the help of one six and five fours to prop up the innings after the early dismissal of Australian Michael Hussey (eight).

Hussey was caught behind off paceman Rudra Pratap Singh, but Raina steadied the innings with two useful stands as he added 37 for the second wicket with Murali Vijay (28) and 48 for the next with Subramaniam Badrinath (19).

Opener Vijay hit six fours in his 18-ball knock before skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni made a 13-ball 14 not out, including a six off the last ball of the innings.

Brief scores:

Chennai Super Kings 131-4 in 17 overs (S. Raina 50, M. Vijay 28) lost to Kochi Tuskers Kerala 135-3 in 15 overs (B. McCullum 47, P. Patel 34; R. Ashwin 2-31) by seven wickets (D/L method).

Sidwell pens Fulham extension



LONDON (AFP) – Premier League club Fulham announced on Monday that English central midfielder Steve Sidwell has extended his contract with the club until 2014.

Sidwell, 28, came through the youth ranks at Arsenal but made his name with Reading following their promotion to the Premier League in 2006.

He joined Chelsea on a free transfer in the summer of 2007 but failed to make an impression at Stamford Bridge and moved to Aston Villa a year later.

He was at Villa for three years without ever managing to nail down a first-team place, prompting him to return to London with Fulham in January.

"I'm delighted to be tied down for another three years," Sidwell told the Fulham website, fulhamfc.com.



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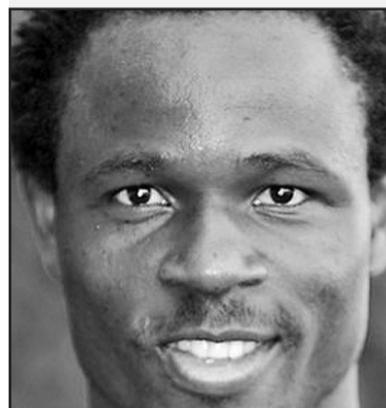
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Nigeria's Adefemi killed in Greek car crash



Nigeria international defender Olubayo Adefemi, pictured in 2009

XANTHI, Greece (AFP) – Nigeria international defender Olubayo Adefemi was killed in a car crash Monday, police in the northern Greek city of Kavala reported.

The 25-year-old Xanthi right back was driving to Thessaloniki Airport to return to Nigeria to finalise plans for his upcoming wedding.

"The Super League and the entire Greek football family would like to express its deepest condolences and sympathy for the family of Olubayo Adefemi, who died tragically in a car accident," a statement by the Super League said.

Kavala traffic police said Adefemi, who has five international caps, lost control of his car on a curve on the wet Engatia Highway, just outside Kavala.

His vehicle struck the dividing bar on the highway and flipped over, landing on the opposite lane.

The exact causes of the accident are being investigated by police.

Football officials in Nigeria spoke of their devastation at the news.

"We are in grief, total grief. This has come on a day that we should be celebrating

the Flying Eagles' defeat of world champions Ghana at the African Youth Championship," said Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) acting general secretary, Musa Amadu.

"But at this stage, we can only pray for a repose of his soul and that God should grant the family he has left behind and Nigeria's football family the fortitude to bear the huge loss," Amadu added.

NFF president Aminu Maigari, in South Africa for the 2-1 win over Ghana on Monday, said: "This is devastating. Why such a young and dedicated player? Why now? I can't say more."

Adefemi's manager, Miguel Riera, said the accident occurred early Monday morning as the player chose to make use of a week-long break from his Greek club to travel to Nigeria to finalise his marriage plans.

"This is very sad. I am very sad to confirm to you that Olubayo is dead. There is no doubt about it. I have identified the body," said Riera.

Adefemi was a key member of the Nigeria team which played in the final of the FIFA Under-20 World Cup in The Netherlands in 2005.

He also starred in the Beijing 2008 Olympics football final in which Nigeria were beaten by Argentina.

Adefemi joined Xanthi last summer and scored two goals in 24 matches. Xanthi finished in ninth place and avoided relegation.

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League says Thunder wrongly awarded key basket

OKLAHOMA CITY, (AFP) - Oklahoma City's Kendrick Perkins was improperly credited with a key basket that gave the Thunder the lead for good in a 107-103 playoff victory over Denver, the NBA said Monday.

Perkins tipped-in a Russell Westbrook miss with 65 seconds remaining on Sunday that put Oklahoma City ahead 102-101. Denver players and coach George Karl appealed in vain for a goaltending call

that never came.

The league said Monday that the basket should have been waved off.

"Kendrick Perkins was improperly credited with a basket that should have been ruled offensive basket interference with 1:05 remaining in last night's game," the statement read.

While the Nuggets gain a measure of satisfaction, it's all they have. The Thunder still lead the best-of-seven Western Conference first round series against Denver one game to none with game two on Wednesday at Oklahoma City.

"There's a lot of calls that would have probably got questioned, so it ain't just that one," Perkins said after the game about the controversy over his crucial tip-in.

MLB Standings

American League

	East	W	L	Pct
NY YANKEES	9	5	.643	--
TORONTO	7	9	.438	3.0
BALTIMORE	6	8	.429	3.0
TAMPA	6	9	.400	3.5
BOSTON	5	10	.333	4.5

Central

CLEVELAND	11	4	.733	--
KANSAS CITY	10	5	.667	1.0
CHICAGO	7	8	.467	4.0
DETROIT	7	9	.438	4.5
MINNESOTA	5	10	.333	6.0

West

LA ANGELES	10	5	.667	--
TEXAS	10	5	.667	--
OAKLAND	8	8	.500	2.5
SEATTLE	5	11	.312	5.5

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	10	4	.714	--
FLORIDA	8	6	.571	2.0
WASHINGTON	8	7	.533	2.5
ATLANTA	7	9	.438	4.0
NY METS	5	11	.312	6.0

Central

CINCINNATI	9	6	.600	--
ST. LOUIS	8	8	.500	1.5
PITTSBURG	7	8	.467	2.0
CHICAGO	7	8	.467	2.0
MILWAUKEE	7	8	.467	2.0

West

COLORADO	12	3	.800	--
SAN FRANCISCO	8	7	.533	4.0
SAN DIEGO	7	8	.467	5.0
LA DODGERS	7	9	.438	5.5
ARIZONA	6	8	.429	5.5

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference

Saturday 16

Chicago 104, Indiana 99
(Bulls lead 1-0)
Atlanta 103, Orlando 93
(Hawks lead 1-0)
Miami 97, Philadelphia 89
Heat lead 1-0)

Sunday 17

Boston 87, New York 85
(Boston lead series 1-0)

Western Conference

Saturday 16

Dallas 89, Portland 81
(Mavericks lead 1-0)

Sunday 17

Memphis 101, San Antonio 98
(Memphis lead series 1-0)
New Orleans 109 Lakers 100
(New Orleans lead series 1-0)
Oklahoma City 107 Denver 103
(Oklahoma City lead series 1-0)

Tonight games:

NY vs. Boston
(Celtics lead 1-0)
Portland vs. Dallas
(Mavs lead 1-0)
Atlanta vs. Orlando
(Hawks lead 1-0)

Grizzlies stun Spurs, Hornets sting Lakers

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) - The New Orleans Hornets shocked the two-time defending NBA champion Lakers and upstart Memphis edged top-seeded San Antonio Sunday in a pair of Western Conference playoff opener upsets.

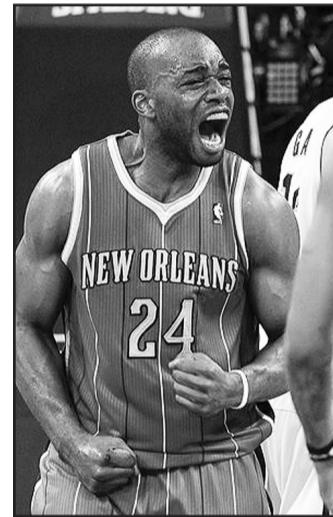
Seventh-seeded New Orleans beat the Lakers 109-100 and Memphis defeated the Spurs 101-98.

Chris Paul had 33 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds for the Hornets as they seized the initiative over the Lakers in the first game of their best-of-seven series.

"Our defence was late. We were late on everything," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "They were aggressive and beat us to balls."

Memphis posted their first-ever NBA post-season win by stunning the top-seeded Spurs at the AT&T Center arena.

Zach Randolph scored nine of his 25 points in the fourth quarter for the eighth-seeded Grizzlies, who were



New Orleans Hornets forward Carl Landry reacts after scoring during the second half of an NBA playoff.

making their first playoff appearance since the 2005-06 NBA season.

Marc Gasol finished with 24 points and Mike Conley had 15 points and 10 assists for Memphis, which finished with a 46-36 record in the regular season.

The Grizzlies earned their first playoff win since com-

ing into the league as an expansion team in Vancouver, Canada, 16 years ago.

"It's nice from an annoyance perspective to have it out of the way, because I don't have to answer questions about being 0 and 13," Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins said.

They were swept by San Antonio in four games in the 2004 playoffs.

In Los Angeles, Paul scored 17 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter, Carl Landry chipped in with 17 and Jarrett Jack had 15 for the Hornets, who tied a NBA playoff record with just three turnovers.

Kobe Bryant had 34 points for the Lakers, who swept all four games against the Hornets during the regular season.

The Hornets game plan on defence included effectively shutting down the Lakers' big men Andrew Bynum and Pau Gasol.

Game 2 is Wednesday at Staples Center.

Former AmEx boss to oversee cold Super Bowl

NEW YORK (AFP) - Alfred Kelly, the former president of American Express, was named Monday as chief executive officer of the organizing committee for the 2014 Super Bowl, the first to be played in cold conditions.

The New Meadowlands Stadium, home venue for the NFL's New York Giants and New York Jets, will be the first open-air stadium in a cold climate to host a Super Bowl, although such games were common before the late 1960s.

Kelly, 52, will oversee an event that officials expect will bring more than \$550 million to the New York area and be staged in a \$1.6 billion stadium. NFL owners decided last May to name New York as host for the unique spectacle.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and instantly struck a personal chord with me," Kelly said. "As a lifelong resident of the region and an ardent football fan, I am eager to leverage my skill and experience in marketing and customer service... to drive this landmark effort forward."



Snow and chilling winds could complicate everything from transportation to security to simply playing the game in what figures to be the coldest Super Bowl every played, the average area high temperature for the area in February being below the existing record for coldest Super Bowl temperatures.

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Orlando's Howard wins record third defensive award



NEW YORK (AFP) - Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard became the first player to win the NBA Defensive Player of the Year for three seasons in a row when he was awarded the honor on Monday for the 2010-2011 campaign.

Hakeem Olajuwon, Dikembe Mutombo, Dennis Rodman, Sidney Moncrief, Alonzo Mourning and Ben Wallace have each won the honor twice in a row. Only Wallace and Mutombo, each four-time winners, have captured the award more than Howard.

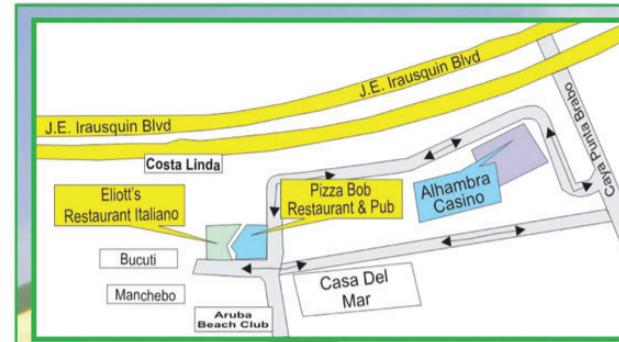
Howard, a seven-year NBA veteran, ranked second in the league with 14.1 rebounds a game and was fourth in blocked shots with 2.38 a game. Orlando al-

lowed only 93.5 points a game when Howard played, fourth-best in the league.

Howard received 585 points, including 114 first-place votes, from a North American media panel to easily outpace runner-up Kevin Garnett of Boston with 77 points. Tyson Chandler of Dallas was third with 70.

Tony Allen of Memphis was fourth on 53 followed by Boston guard Rajon Rondo with 45 and the top player from outside the United States, Australian center Andrew Bogut, with 32.

Last month, Howard became the youngest player to reach 7,000 career NBA rebounds at age 25, more than a year younger than Wilt Chamberlain's old mark.



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Bears to face Bucs in London if deal made in time

NEW YORK (AFP) - The Chicago Bears and Tampa Bay Buccaneers will meet in London for an NFL regular-season game on October 23 if the labor dispute between owners and players is settled by August 1, the NFL said Monday.

The Buccaneers, who are owned by the same Malcolm Glazer family that owns Eng-

lish Premier League football side Manchester United, will be making their second trip to London in three seasons for a game if it comes off as planned.

New England defeated Tampa Bay in London in 2009.

The game at London's Wembley Stadium would make the 2011 campaign the

fifth NFL season in a row with a game in England if it does happen.

Owners locked out players last month after the sides were unable to reach a new collective bargaining agreement. The court fight could last well into the projected start of the NFL regular season next September.

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